

ing shall be furnished to the person, firm or corporation accused at least thirty days before the day fixed for the hearing. At said hearing the person accused shall have the right to appear personally and/or by counsel and be heard in defense of said charges. After the conclusion of said hearing if the Board finds that there has been any fraud or deceit in obtaining license, or gross negligence, incompetency or misconduct, in the carrying on of the business of Plumbing or Heating Contracting the Board shall revoke the license of the accused; *Provided*, that nothing in this section shall be construed to deny to the party whose license has been revoked the right of appeal and trial of his cause in the Superior Courts of North Carolina.

Defendant may have counsel.

Action of Board on charges.

Right of appeal to Courts unaffected.

SEC. 9. The Board may in its discretion re-issue license to any person, firm or corporation whose license may have been revoked; *Provided*, three or more members of the Board vote in favor of such reissuance for reasons deemed sufficient by the Board. A new certificate of registration to replace any license which may be lost or destroyed may be issued subject to the rules and regulations of the Board.

Re-issuance of revoked licenses.

Replacing lost or destroyed licenses.

SEC. 10. Any person, firm, or corporation, after this act has been in effect for a period of twelve months, who has not then been licensed to carry on the business of Plumbing and Heating Contracting in this State, according to the provisions of this act or, who shall practice or offer to practice or carry on said business, or any person, firm or corporation, who shall give false or forged evidence of any kind to the Board, or any member thereof, in obtaining a license or, who shall falsely impersonate any other practitioner of like or different name, or who shall use an expired or revoked license, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction fined not less than one hundred dollars or imprisoned for not more than three months or both, in the discretion of the Court.

Practice of trades without license after 12 months made unlawful.

Punishment.

SEC. 11. All non-resident Plumbing and/or Heating Contractors desiring to do business in this State shall apply to the Board for examination and obtain license before entering into said business, and file with the Board certified check for the license fee provided for in this act, together with the cost of holding a special meeting to pass upon such application. If such non-resident applicant fails to pass the examination required the license fee deposited shall be retained by the Board.

Licensing of non-resident contractors

Retention of fee if non-resident fails to receive license.

SEC. 12. A corporation or partnership may engage in the business of Plumbing and/or Heating provided one or more persons connected with such corporation or partnership is registered and licensed as herein required. All persons now

Only one person in partnership or corporation need have license.